

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2553

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to waive the obstetrician requirement insofar as it prevents DSH designation in the case of certain rural hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2001

Mr. KINGSTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. WAIVER OF OBSTETRICIAN REQUIREMENT IN-**
4 **SO FAR AS IT PREVENTS DESIGNATION OF**
5 **CERTAIN RURAL HOSPITALS AS DISPROPOR-**
6 **TIONATE SHARE HOSPITALS.**

7 Section 1923(d)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1396r-4(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause
2 (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 clause:

5 “(iii) which the State has designated as a
6 critical access hospital (under section
7 1820(c)(2)) or as an essential rural health care
8 provider (under applicable State law).”.

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